

A.D. 27.] LESSON II. [Jan. 13

A SABBATH IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

Mark 1. 21-34. Memory verses, 21, 22

GOLDEN TEXT.

As his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Luke 4. 16.

TIME.—27 A. D.

PLACE.—Capernaum.

CONNECTING LINKS.—More than a year of time must be allowed between our first lesson and the present one. The greater part of it was passed in the utmost quiet. Jesus had experienced the temptation in the wilderness, had gained a few disciples, had begun his work by performing the miracle at Cana, had gone up to Jerusalem to the passover, when he drove for the first time the traders from the temple, had spent a time at Jerusalem and at Judea, and after John's imprisonment had returned to Galilee by way of Samaria. In Galilee he taught publicly in their synagogues, preached to his townspeople of Nazareth, and was rejected, and then, removing from his life-long home, fixed his residence in Capernaum, the home of Peter, Andrew, James and John. It was soon after this change of abode that the incidents of our lesson occurred.

EXPLANATIONS.—*The synagogue*—The place in every Jewish town in our Lord's time where the Jews assembled on the Sabbath for the religious worship of reading, exhortation and instruction in the Scriptures. *His doctrine*—Simply, "his teaching." *Not as the scribes*—That is, not in accordance with the traditional interpretations of the past, but with his own new and fresh interpretation. *An unclean spirit*—Or possessed with a devil; demoniacal possession was a matter of common belief, and apparently of frequent experience in those times. *To destroy us*—Perhaps this means to drive them back to the world of lost spirits. *Had torn him*—That means, had caused the poor victim to suffer a paroxysm of pain. *At even, when the sun did set*—A part of the wonderful works of Christ told in this lesson were after the Sabbath had closed.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

- In the Synagogue, v. 21-23.*
What was a synagogue?
On what day did Jesus enter it?
What did he do there?
What did the people think of his teaching?
Why did he teach with authority? Heb. 1. 1, 2.
Whom did Jesus meet in the synagogue?
What did the evil spirit say?
What did Jesus command the spirit to do?
What then took place?
What did the people think when they saw the miracle?
Can you name a miracle like this which still takes place? 2 Cor. 5. 17.
- In the House.*
Into whose house did Jesus go?
Who went with him?
What were these men? Matt. 10. 1, 2.
What good work was done by Jesus?
Would you like to have him come to your house?
What does Jesus say in Rev. 3. 20?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

- What great change now occurs in the life of Jesus? He moved from Nazareth to Capernaum. 2 How did he begin his life in Capernaum? As his custom was, etc. 3. Who recognized him as the Son of God? An evil spirit. 4. How did he show his power as the Son of God? He cast out the demon. 5. What was the effect upon the populace? They spread his fame through Galilee.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The authority of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

- How may you divide that duty?
Into two parts: What we have to believe; and what we have to do.
- Who is the great Teacher of religion?
Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Redeemer.

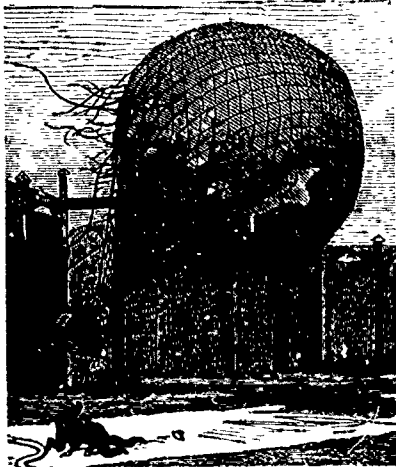
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